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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Pascual PEREZ et al.

Serial No. 09/380,086

GROUP 1638

Filed November 29, 1999

Examiner A. Kubelik

NOVEL USES OF MALE STERILITY
IN PLANTS

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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of October 9, 2001,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 16 as follows:

--16. (amended) The method according to claim 13,
wherein said plant contains an artificial male sterility (AMS)
gene conferring said male sterility.--

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R E M A R K S

The present application has been amended in a manner
that is believed to place it in condition for allowance at the
time of the next Official Action.

At the outset, Applicants would like to thank Examiner
Kubelik for her time and consideration of the present application
at the interview of March 4, 2002 with the undersigned agent.